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HANCOCK CASA
HOSTS LIGHT OF HOPE
'Halls of Hope' unveiled

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
STAFF WRITER

CASA of Hancock County on Tuesday hosted its 6th annual Light of Hope community awareness event. The event also marked the unveiling of Hancock County Youth Court's Halls of Hope community art project. CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates. "We recruit, train, and support community volunteers who advocate for children who come into foster care," CASA Executive Director Cynthia Chauvin said. "The children that we work with are involved in both the CPS child welfare system as well as the youth court system. We come into their lives at a time when things are very, very uncertain." April is also Child Abuse Prevention Month, Chauvin said.



CASA also recognized this year's honorees. From left, Supervisor Scotty Adam, CASA Executive Director Cynthia Chauvin, Bobby Gavagnie Sr. representing Misfits Street Krewzers, this year's Outstanding Community Professionals of the Year, CPS Case Worker of the Year, Heather Sheard, CASA Advocate of the Year Sarah Bailey, BSL Mayor Mike Favre, and Hancock County Judge Trent Favre.

"As of today, there are 164 children in foster care in Hancock County," Chauvin said. "While the numbers of children have decreased, and our efforts to ensure the safety of those who remain in foster care have not changed or lessened, I'm very proud to

tell you that of the 164, all 164 are appointed to the CASA program. I'm even more proud to tell you that by the end of April, all of the 164 will have an advocate. Being able to reach the goal of serving every foster child appointed to the program is incredible."



Halls of Hope submission by Ethan Bordelon, Jaxson Anderson, and Bree Anderson.

Hancock County Judge Trent Favre also presented the panels of artwork completed by several local artists, which will hang on the walls at youth court. "The Halls of Hope project was established to

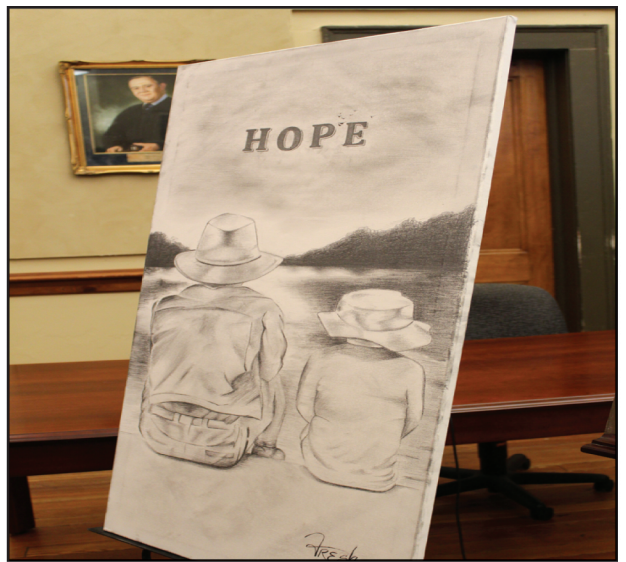
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Halls of Hope submission by Lisa Wilbourn.



From left, family members honored their deceased loved ones who played a role in CASA during the memorial tribute. Middle, South Hancock Elementary's Choir. Right, Halls of Hope submission by Tranmetris "Fresh" Bradley.



Two habitual offenders
convicted on fourth felonies

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District Attorney Joel Smith announced Thursday that two habitual offenders pled guilty this week on charges from Hancock County. The offenders will not be eligible for parole or early release on the convictions. 41-year-old Clarence Rudolph Kennedy, Jr. pled guilty before Circuit Judge Chris Schmidt to Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent. The case began as a result of a May 3, 2018, investigation by the Hancock County Narcotics Task



Force into suspected drug distribution, Smith said in a press release. Kennedy was found with approximately five grams of methamphetamine in individual bags in a truck belonging to Kennedy. The truck also contained



empty bags, a scale, and numerous cell phones. Prior to the search, Kennedy had just left the truck and entered a local bar when officers arrived to arrest him on an out-

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Effort to 'take back' Bay's
MLK Park moving slowly

BY GEOFF BELCHER
NEWS EDITOR

Some Bay St. Louis Third Ward residents say the effort to "take back" Martin Luther King, Jr. Park has made little progress, but one city official said this week that major improvements are on the way. The park had been in decline for decades and had become a known drug hang-out. Things came to a head last June when a shooting took one man's life and left another wounded. The very next week, however, neighbors, city officials and officers of the Bay St. Louis Police Department met at the park to devise a plan to "take MLK Park back and give it to the children."



Willie Acker is one of the residents working to take back MLK Park.

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CASA

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enhance the courtroom aesthetic utilizing the talents of our very rich artistic heritage in Hancock County," Favre said. "The idea came from listening to my own children come to the courthouse and tell me how scared they were of the building. And that made me realize that if they were scared, then other children were scared, and maybe even some parents."

Favre said that "hope" is not often a word associated with youth court.

"But it will be now," he added.

Favre said the artwork will initially hang at youth court, but will also be displayed at the CASA office and other governmental buildings. Each volunteer artist was issued a canvas and asked to create a work of art utilizing the word "hope," Favre said.

The participating artists include: Lisa Wilbourn, Becky Rotundo, Cherrie Smith and First Baptist Church Bay St. Louis Pre-K, R.L. Edwards, Shannon Favre, Katie Favre, Yuki Northington, Valerie Fitts, Juliet Willette, Myl'asia Charles, Brayden Knobenschuh, Steven Harper, Meghan Beaugez, Hannah Daniels, Ethan Bordelon, Jaxson Anderson, Bree Anderson, Marian Glaser, Kathleen Johnson, Sandi Necaise, Tranmetris "Fresh" Bradley, and Jodi Mortillero.

"This far exceeded my expectations," Favre said. "It is amazing how Hancock County can huddle around a cause. My heartfelt thanks go out to each of you."

Chauvin also led the group in a candlelight service, which paid tribute to CASA supporters who have passed away.

Students from South Hancock Elementary's choir performed during Tuesday's event.

Girl Scout Troop 3438

prepared and handed out blue ribbons to guests.

Chauvin also honored several individuals.

The Misfits Street Krewzers were named this year's Outstanding Community Professionals of the Year.

Since 2015, the Misfits have donated proceeds from its car shows to CASA and the senior citizens of Hancock County, Hancock County Supervisor Scotty Adam said.

Bay St. Louis Mayor Mike Favre introduced this year's CPS Case Worker of the Year, Heather Sheard.

She has worked with children for the past 20 years, Mike Favre said. She enjoys getting to the know the families she works with and "finds it incredibly fulfilling to help children in achieving permanency, whether it's through reunification, adoption, or guardianship."

Trent Favre presented the CASA Advocate of the Year award to Sarah Bailey.

Bailey is a U.S. History

and AP English III teacher at Hancock High School, Trent Favre said. She has been a CASA Advocate since 2012 and has advo-

cated for 20 children, he added.

Learn more about CASA of Hancock County at www.casahancockcount

ty.org, and through Facebook at CASA of Hancock County. For more information, call 228-344-0419.



Photo by Cassandra Favre

Halls of Hope submission by Yuki Northington.



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MDEQ Awards \$19K Solid Waste Assistance Grant to Hancock County

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The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) awarded Hancock County a solid waste assistance grant of \$19,012 that will be used by the county for their solid waste enforcement officer program.

"The Solid Waste Assistance Grants support a variety of useful solid waste management activities

for cities and counties, and this grant will assist Hancock County's efforts in improving their management of solid waste," said Gary Rikard, MDEQ Executive Director.

Cities and counties may apply for Solid Waste Assistance Grants through the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality.

These grants are used by local communities for programs to prevent and clean up unauthorized dumps; to

aid in hiring local solid waste enforcement officers; for public education efforts on solid waste disposal and recycling; and to establish programs for the collection of white goods, bulky wastes and recyclables.

Information about this grant program and other initiatives is available at www.mdeq.ms.gov/solid-waste-management-programs.

Cuz's for the Cause raises \$6,000



Photo by Anne Pitre/Hancock Chamber

Melvin "Cuz" and Christy Barnes on Thursday hosted Cuz's for the Cause at Cuz's Old Town Oyster Bar and Grill benefiting the Hancock Community Development Foundation. The event raised \$6,000, which will go toward 23 community-based nonprofits. Pictured are, from left, Christy & Melvin "Cuz" Barnes with Cuz's Old Town Oyster Bar and Grill, Angie Kothmann, HCDF Board president; Lexie Ladner (standing in for her mother, Laura Stinson, event co-chair); and Aissa Wiggins, event co-chair.

CMR to meet Tuesday, April 16

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The state Commission on Marine Resources will meet Tuesday, April 16, in Biloxi.

The meeting begins at 9 a.m. and will be held at the Bolton State

Building in the first-floor auditorium. An agenda is attached.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the state by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and water-

front areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes.

Visit the DMR online at dmr.ms.gov.

Bourgeois Stieffel Ray American Legion Auxiliary Unit 77 Easter Egg Hunt this Sunday

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Bourgeois Stieffel Ray American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 77 will host an Easter Egg Hunt at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 14, at the American

Legion field located at the back of the Post 77 Hall at 503 Waveland Ave.

All children up to age 10 are welcome to attend.

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Unfortunately, long-time educator Willie Acker said recently, not much has been done since then.

"I'm very concerned with the lack of progress on MLK Park," Acker said. "Ever since the shooting there occurred, there have been promises to erect a security system at the park, but it's never been done. The upkeep on the park is deplorable. It's very dilapidated. ... All we get is promises.

"The city council has made promise upon promise to improve the facility, but so far, nothing."

Acker said it's a shame

since there are so many children in the neighborhood who should be able to use the park, but can't.

"There are 50 to 100 students per day trying to go out and play in these neighborhood," he said, "but they park is unsafe for them. ... Adults hang out there, smoking cigarettes and drinking and who knows what else.

"I call upon the city council and other officials to stop putting the park on the back burner. I call upon the police department to enforce the law as it is written. We need a change."

However, Bay St. Louis City Councilman Bishop Jeffrey Reed said Friday, "Great things are on the way."

"We have a project

planned out there," Reed said. "They're getting ready to do landscaping, they're going to do some street-scaping and create some parking spaces.

"There is some progress -- John and Allison Anderson (of unAbridged Architecture) are designing a brick and wrought iron fence that will be built after they install the sidewalks and parking spaces. We're going to beautify some things and change up some things up there."

Reed said he understands residents' frustrations, but funding for the project has been slow-going.

"Grants take awhile to get in, but Mr. (City Engineer Jason) Chiniche has assured us that everything is in order. It's an 80-

20 match. We have to match 20 percent -- I'm thinking it's about \$130,000 worth of work that's going to go on there."

Reed said the city was able to piggy-back on the Old Spanish Trail construction project grant to get the funding to improve the park.

Initially, he said, the grant funds were not going to be available until 2020, but city officials prevailed to get the disbursement moved up to 2019.

Once the infrastructure work is done, he said, security cameras at the park are "going to be a big priority."

Reed said there's no immediate date available yet for when the city can get the funds, but it will be this year.

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standing warrant. A K-9 sweep of his vehicle revealed the drugs and contraband. Kennedy also had a large sum of cash on his person at the time of arrest. Judge Schmidt sentenced Kennedy to seven years day-for-day as a habitual offender in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections to run consecutive to his

most recent prior conviction. Kennedy had three prior convictions, two in 1998, and one in 2015, all for drug distribution offenses.

37-year-old Curvis Clint Ladner, pled guilty before Circuit Judge Larry Bourgeois to the crime of possession of a controlled substance. Ladner, will be sentenced on May 13, 2019 and is exposed to up to six years day-for-day time in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections to run consecutive to his most recent

prior conviction. The case began on May 15, 2018, when Deputies and U.S. Marshals arrived on scene to serve MDOC warrants. When officers made contact with Ladner, he was found with less than one gram of methamphetamine in his cigarette packet. Ladner had three prior convictions, two in 2015 for felony theft, and one in 2016 for felony drug possession.

"As habitual offenders, neither defendant is eligible for early release or parole and must serve

every day of their sentence, which keeps repeat offenders off the streets longer," said ADA Chris Daniel, who prosecuted the cases.

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It's time for a hall of fame in Hancock County

Over the course of the last two-plus decades, many individuals have been enshrined into athletic halls of fame all along the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

These are halls of fame are located in Gulfport, Biloxi and Pascagoula. Of course, that doesn't include other locales such as Jackson, Tupelo and Starkville.

But, what about Hancock County? The idea of a local hall of fame has been kicked around at least since 1992. I even started a casual discussion of the creation of such an opportunity that year when I returned home from earning my degree at the University of Mississippi. I've continued to have that discussion with several elected officials over those nearly three decades as well.

Alas, we still don't have a place to honor the athletic prowess of our local stars.

The city of Biloxi was the first municipality to establish an athletic hall of fame. It was created more than 40 years ago and continues to flourish. Gulfport opened its hall six years ago and will induct 13 former greats on June 8. Pascagoula followed Gulfport's lead and created its hall five years ago.

Yet, Hancock County still lags behind. This much-needed avenue is – first and foremost – an incredible opportunity to showcase the stories and athletic prowess of our citizens over the past decades. It can become an integral part of the overall public opinion of what Hancock County has accomplished and shine a beacon to what the county has to offer.

We have four outstanding and accomplished high schools in the county including Bay, Hancock (formerly known as Hancock North Central and Kiln Consolidated/Sellers/Dedeaux), Our Lady Academy (formerly known as Saint Joseph Academy) and Saint Stanislaus College. All four of these institutions graduate talented and accomplished student-athletes each and every academic year. The historical influence of these schools date as far back as 1854.

While we can't include every individual from all four of these schools who have brought varying degrees of outstanding publicity to our home in this writing, we will give you a brief sampling of what our area has produced with no slight to any school.

Bay High has long been a force as it climbed the classification ladder in the Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA). Take for instance E. Michael Necaie, who went by the nickname "Go-Go" because on the hardwood he moved like a "go-go" dancer. Go ahead, crack a smile, but he averaged better than 44 points per game, was named a high school All-American, a collegiate All-American and was drafted into the NBA. While he didn't go pro, he returned home to coach youth in basketball before embarking on a pristine career as Hancock County's Chancery Clerk.

Then there is Tank Williams, who grew up in his father's shadow, Cleveland, who was a longtime coach and



STAFF COLUMN
by **Joseph W. Gex II**

Wicker Concerned by Apparent Discrimination Against Pro-Life Film 'Unplanned Shows' the U.S. a Path Forward

Few critics expected the new film Unplanned to rise to the top of the box office charts. But the true story of Abby Johnson, a Planned Parenthood clinic director turned pro-life advocate, has done just that. This success comes in spite of critical and commercial obstacles.

Unplanned finished fourth at the box office in its opening week because of the power of Mrs. Johnson's story. Like many pro-choice Americans, she held her view out of a desire to help women with unwanted pregnancies. But when confronted by Planned Parenthood's practices, the brutality of abortion, and her realization that life begins at conception, she changed her mind. She now fights to end abortion.

The movie's success coincides with troubling news that media companies may be undermining



From the Senate

by **Roger Wicker**
U.S. Senator

the film's marketing efforts. Many television networks apparently refused to run ads promoting Unplanned; the movie's Twitter account was suspended; and followers were removed from its social media lists without their knowledge.

As Chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, I take reports of media bias seriously.

As I wrote in a letter to television networks, "Amid myriad claims of media platforms silencing conservative voices, I am deeply troubled by these reports." If these platforms are discriminating against pro-life content, then the public has a right to know.

A PERSUASIVE MESSAGE THAT NEEDS TO BE HEARD

The pro-life movement's goals will take time to achieve, but public opinion is moving in the cause's favor. There are also positive state-level developments, including Mississippi's recent success banning abortion once a fetal heartbeat can be heard. President Trump has taken welcome action by expanding the Mexico City policy prohibiting foreign aid to abortion providers. And a strengthening grassroots coalition heard in the halls of Congress gives me confidence that there is

progress.

The success of Unplanned bolsters that confidence. It is a story about how one person changed course and now works to help others change theirs. Pro-life advocates should continue to be in the persuasion business so that there will be more stories like Mrs. Johnson's.

SONOGRAMS AND SCIENCE ARE HELPING

Persuasion and scientific advancements like sonograms revealing fetal hands, feet, and the miracle of human life have grown the pro-life movement since the 1973 Roe v. Wadecision. Polls indicate that the millennial generation – which came of age holding pictures of its brothers, sisters, and now children in the womb – is more pro-life than the previous generation.

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Congress Can Support Our Farmers by Ratifying the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Trade Deal

Guest Column

by **Andy Gipson**

As Mississippi's Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce, I've invested a great deal of time traveling across our great State listening to the concerns of our farmers and ranchers. One of the recurring themes of large and small farmers over the past year has been the need for certainty in the marketplace. Our farmers' ability to grow the highest quality agriculture products is unquestioned. However, before the first seed is put in the ground, a farmer must be able to justify how they will be able to turn a profit come harvest time. That can be challenging with fluctuating prices and market accessibility. After all, farming is unique in that no matter how high input costs may rise, farmers do not get the privilege

of setting the price for their crops. A farmer takes what the market dictates. Tough weather conditions only add to the uncertainty. Presently, 500,000 acres of the Mississippi Delta is underwater, much of this being cropland. Historic floods are also devastating farms and livelihoods of our friends in the Midwest, especially Nebraska. These times demand action to support our farmers, the people who drive our greatest industry, agriculture. I appreciate and applaud the work of President Trump and his Administration in reaching

a positive new trade agreement with Mexico and Canada so that we can continue the regional trade relationship established with our neighboring countries. I urge Congress to support our farmers and quickly seal this deal. By ratifying the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Trade Agreement (USMCA), Congress will help restore a level of certainty in the markets for U.S. producers including our Mississippi farmers.

Agriculture is the backbone of this country. If we want our farmers to continue providing safe, affordable, and abundant food and fiber to the world, we must ensure the doors are open that will allow them to do so. That's why we must get this deal done. Canada and Mexico are not just our closest neighbors; they are our closest trading partners. These two coun-

tries presently make up the largest global market for U.S. farm and food exports.

Farmers, ranchers, and the citizens of the State of Mississippi will directly benefit from the implementation of the USMCA. Mississippi produces nearly \$8 billion in farm commodities each year, making it the state's largest industry and a significant economic driver. It is crucial that we have international markets available for these commodities, as Mississippi exports \$2 billion of agricultural goods each year. These exports alone directly support 16,200 jobs in the state.

The USMCA modernizes our trade relationships and increases market

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Mississippi U.S. Attorneys Warn Taxpayers to Avoid Unscrupulous Tax Return Preparers

Useful tips for selecting a professional and honest tax return preparer

SEA COAST ECHO

As “Tax Day,” April 15th, approaches, U.S. Attorneys Mike Hurst and Chad Lamar of the Southern and Northern Districts of Mississippi, respectively, remind taxpayers to beware of unscrupulous tax return preparers.

“Every year, some Mississippians are victimized by dishonest individuals looking to make a quick buck by defrauding our tax system. We are committed to bringing these underhanded return preparers to justice. If you suspect tax fraud, contact our offices or your local IRS office. By being vigilant and working together, we can hold these tax fraudsters and cheats accountable,” said U.S. Attorney Hurst.

“I certainly echo the words of my colleague. We, as citizens of the United States, have a legal obligation to timely pay our federal and state taxes and to timely file our tax returns. Those who choose to evade those responsibilities, or take advantage of our citizens who are trying to comply with their legal tax filing obligations, will be met with severe penalties, including prosecution.” said U.S. Attorney Lamar.

While most tax return preparers are professional and honest, some prepare returns with false informa-

tion in order to improperly boost a taxpayer’s refund, to reduce their liability, or to increase business and preparation fees. Under the law, taxpayers are responsible for what is reported on their returns. When the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) uncovers the falsehoods, the taxpayer can face penalties and interest and, if circumstances warrant, criminal prosecution.

The U.S. Attorneys issued the following tips to those who are selecting a tax return preparer:

- Be wary of tax return preparers who claim they can obtain larger refunds than others can.
- Avoid tax return preparers who base their fees on a percentage of the refund or who offer to deposit all or part of your refund into their financial accounts.
- Ensure you use a preparer with a preparer tax identification number (“PTIN”). Paid tax return preparers must have a PTIN to prepare all or substantially all of a tax return.
- Use a reputable tax professional, who enters their PTIN on your tax return, signs the tax return, and provides you a copy of the return (as required).
- Consider whether the individual or firm will be around for months or years after filing the return to answer questions about the preparation of

the tax return.

- Never sign a blank tax form.
- Check the person’s credentials.

Only attorneys, CPAs, and enrolled agents can represent taxpayers before the IRS in all matters, including audits, collections, and appeals.

The U.S. Department of Justice applies both civil and criminal tools at its disposal to shut down illegal tax return preparation activity. Taxpayers should always remain wary of tax return preparers who claim they can obtain larger refunds than others or engage in other unscrupulous practices.

Every year, the Justice Department’s Tax Division, in collaboration with the U.S. Attorney’s Offices, files civil actions seeking court orders to shut down tax return preparers who allegedly prepared false tax returns, and to punish dishonest tax return preparers for their fraudulent activities.

When the evidence supports criminal enforcement action, the U.S. Attorney’s Offices will pursue criminal prosecutions of tax return preparers.

The IRS has some additional information on its website about selecting a return preparer and has launched a free directory of federal tax preparers and a list of tips for choosing a tax preparer.

Seven-mile-wide sale today and tomorrow in Kiln

SEA COAST ECHO

The Dedeaux community in Kiln will host its annual seven-mile-wide sale on Rocky Hill -Dedeaux Road this Saturday and Sunday. Sale begins at 8 a.m. each day. Anyone can participate. Call 228-493-7414 for more information.

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opportunities for U.S. agricultural goods, including those produced in Mississippi. Mississippi’s \$3 billion poultry industry - our largest ag sector and the State’s single largest industry - will benefit from the USMCA with our poultry producers gaining new access to Canada for Mississippi chicken and eggs.

Mexico is the largest importer of U.S. corn and the second largest importer of U.S. soybeans. USMCA will

allow U.S. producers to maintain access to the market in Mexico, which will benefit our Mississippi growers of these commodities, two of the top crops produced in our State.

The time to take action on behalf of our farmers and ranchers is now. The course of action is clear. I urge Congress to quickly ratify the USMCA, a viable trade agreement that will immediately serve the best interests of our farmers, ranchers, and agribusinesses.

Andy Gipson is the Mississippi Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce.

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educator at Bay High. But, it wasn’t long before Tank cast a shadow that looms over his father. After excelling at three sports in high school, Tank went on to play football for Stanford University, where he became the school’s first first-team All-American defensive back and was drafted into the NFL. He played with the Tennessee Titans, New England Patriots and Minnesota Vikings before retiring after nine years.

Back in the 1950s at Kiln Consolidated High, there was a youngster named J. Larry Ladner, who loved basketball more than life itself. He went on to be an All-State selection and played in Mississippi’s first All-Star game. After graduation, Ladner played for Pearl River Community College and Louisiana College before embarking on a legendary coaching career. He spent 11 years at Picayune Memorial High, winning nearly 300 games before the University of Southern Mississippi asked him to lead the country’s first Department of Coaching and Sports Administration.

We shouldn’t even have to explain the achievements of Hancock North Central’s most famous alum – Brett Lorenzo Favre. He only went on to an All-American career at USM followed by 20 seasons in the NFL. He is the league’s only consecutive

three-time MVP and retired with every passing record in the league. He was most recently inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame and Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame.

Athletically, OLA is considered a juggernaut in soccer, tennis and volleyball. Emily Meyers Corley was a star of all sports during her time there. However, she went on to excel in volleyball and soccer. Eventually, she became a four-year starter in soccer at Mississippi State. Soccer is a pretty big sport in the high school ranks here, but few go on to play in college much less in the SEC. Emily did and started all four years.

Rachel Cranford helped lead OLA to three state volleyball titles, four state soccer titles and three individual state tennis championships. That’s an amazing 10 gold medals in varsity competition.

Then there was a young, sixth-grade student in 1935 named Felix A. Blanchard Jr., who arrived via train at Saint Stanislaus College. He went by the nickname “Doc” as he always made house calls with his father – Dr. Felix A. Blanchard Sr.

Doc signed a football scholarship with the University of North Carolina, and then transferred to the US Military Academy at West Point. Blanchard never lost a game in college and was a three-time consensus first-team All-American full-back. Some publications – such as Athlon’s – have called him the greatest full-back in the history of the game.

His legend doesn’t stop there. He became the first underclassman to win the Heisman Trophy. He also became the only person to win all three major awards in the same year – the Heisman, Maxwell and Sullivan awards. He was drafted No. 3 overall by the Pittsburgh Steelers but opted not to go pro.

Instead, he chose to fulfill his requirement of military service as a fighter pilot in Korea and Vietnam. In 1989, Doc donated all three trophies to SSC, saying “...in the hope that it will inspire a student to achieve greatness.”

Our final example is Coach J.E. Loiacano. He’s a man who became known as a bruising runner and a jarring linebacker. He won a national championship at PRCC and earned All-SEC honors at Mississippi State before playing professional football.

After his playing days, he continued to educate youth on proper training regimens to get “bigger, faster, stronger” that would enable them to avoid injury. He is an AAU weightlifting champion, guest lecturer on strength training and a published author on the topic.

It’s Coach Loiacano’s example and the countless others mentioned – the other who aren’t – that should echo loud and clear with our leaders here in Hancock County about the need for an avenue to recognize and honor those who have put us on the map.

The first question is always about money, and how do we set forth mak-

ing it happen? We don’t have to fund this project all on our own. There are many companies and individuals who have shared their own desire to see this happen and will gladly do what they can to be associated with such a venture.

As taxpayers, we know there are line items that we – governmentally – waste money on that can be redirected to such a viable and even profitable venture.

When it is stated as “profitable,” it’s not to make money but rather in the form of “priceless” publicity for our county and its citizens.

What is the next step? We have to commit ourselves to making this happen and then we will it into existence.

When another zip code honors and recognizes our citizens for their accomplishments, we should be

concerned. These are the people who call Hancock County home, even if they don’t currently reside here. Remember, “Home is where the heart is.”

We need to show these people that their “home” appreciates them. Let’s get that ball rolling now.

Joseph W. Gex II is a staff writer for the Sea Coast Echo. He can be reached at jgex2@aol.com

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eration.

I remember witnessing my first March for Life as a young staffer for then-Congressman Trent Lott in 1981. It has grown since and become one of the largest annual events in the capital. Hundreds of marchers from Mississippi join every year.

This grassroots movement has sparked real action on Capitol Hill. The Senate confirms pro-life judges to the bench and annually passes the Hyde Amendment,

barring the use of federal funds to pay for abortions in the United States. The “No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act” would make the Hyde Amendment permanent, and I will continue to fight for its passage. However, the fact that only three Democratic senators voted for the “Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act” shows how extreme pro-abortion activists have become.

Mrs. Johnson’s work and the young faces of a growing anti-abortion movement are powerful answers to those on the other side who prevent these bills from becoming laws. Changing hearts and minds is the ultimate answer for those of us who want to protect life.

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Obituaries

JAMES EDD KEETON, JR.

JAMES EDD KEETON, JR.

James Edd Keeton, Jr., 67, of Diamondhead, MS passed away Thursday, April 11, 2019 in Biloxi, MS.

He was of the Baptist Faith.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James E. and Hattie Keeton, Sr.; three brothers, Ricky Keeton, Larry Keeton and Kevin Keeton; and two sisters, Anne and Nancy.

He is survived by his two daughters, Crystal Dawn and Misty Jean; two brothers, Wayne Keeton (Cindy) and William Keeton; two sisters, Billie Higham (Lance) and Sandra Ryan

(Eamonn); nieces, Jessica Jackson (Lee), Shelby Keeton (Kylin McDuffie) and Jeri Anna Keeton and many other nieces and nephews.

A Graveside Service will be held Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at Biloxi National Cemetery in Biloxi, MS at 1:30 p.m.



SSC/OLA tennis team defeats West Lauderdale



Photo courtesy of Paul Langham

The SSC/OLA tennis team defeated West Lauderdale 6-1 in the first round of the Class 4A state playoffs on Thursday. Andrea Rodriguez of OLA won girls singles 6-4 and 6-1. Isabel Wolf and Paige Palazzo won #1 girls doubles 6-0 and 6-1. Hayden Henry and Claire Escher won #2 girls doubles 6-0 and 6-1. Jacob Estrada and Victoria Wolf won mixed doubles 6-3 and 6-4. Sebastian Waller won boys singles for SSC 6-0, 6-0. Nour Tayara and Kaleb Allen won #1 boys doubles 7-6, 6-2. The SSC/OLA team will play the winner of Florence/Purvis in the second round of the Class 4A state playoffs on Thursday, April 18th.

Pass School District announces new Boys Basketball Coach

SEA COAST ECHO

The Pass Christian School District is pleased to announce its new Head Boys Basketball Coach, Wayne "Buddy" Kennedy.

Coach Buddy Kennedy brings a resume of winning to Pass Christian High School. In his 23 seasons previously at Pass Christian, Kennedy won 519 games. He was named District Coach of the Year 10 times, the Sun Herald Coach of the Year in 2009, and the Mississippi Association of Coaches, Coach of the Year in 2009.

His boys' basketball teams have won 9 District titles, appearing in the State Playoffs 18 times. During their playoff runs, his teams have been to the Sweet Sixteen 9 times, the Elite Eight 5 times, the Final Four 4 times, and the State Finals in 2009 and 2011, winning the Class 3A State Championship in 2009. In addition, he was selected to coach in the Mississippi State All Star Game in 2010.

Of his return Coach Kennedy says, "I am very excited to be back, and

anxious to go to work. I have missed the relation-

ships with the guys that you form while coaching."

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Rummage sale for Ruth's Roots garden

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Elise Deano will host a rummage sale on June 8 at her law office to benefit Ruth's Roots, the fabulous community garden she and volunteers started three years ago.

"Please consider donating your spring cleaning items to us," Deano said. "Clean out your attic, your storage shed, your garage! Items can be dropped off at my office. Thank you to those that have already dropped off!"

"We are accepting everything. However,

clothing is difficult to display and organize. We will gladly accept your clothing, but here is what we are doing with it: 1.) Children's clothing will be passed on to Kimberly Marquar Adam-Boushie who runs a clothing closet for foster kids. Often children are dropped off with no clothing or just one outfit and the foster parents are left scrambling to find clothes. This will help the children and the foster parents and makes my heart happy;

2.) Men and Women's work clothes (suits, dress slacks, blouses, button-

downs, etc.) will be given to Karen Stobbs Aderer to put at USM's clothing closet for folks entering or returning to the workplace that need outfits; and 3.) all other clothing will be given to Jacob's Well thrift store (Jossette Staten Thompson, Susan Haynes Johnson) Their sales support the recovery center they run for both men and women. I have a passion for helping people overcome addiction, and these folks and their work/mission is amazing."

For more information, visit the Facebook page "Ruth's Roots".



The historic 100 Men Hall in Bay St. Louis.

Rachel Dangermond to speak at Historical Society meeting

SEA COAST ECHO

The monthly luncheon meeting of the Hancock County Historical Society is scheduled for Thursday, April 18, at noon at the Kate Loblano House.

The speaker will be Rachel Dangermond, who will speak on the 100 Men Hall and its contribution to Blues music in Mississippi. Reservations for the

luncheon are required and may be made by calling 467-4090.

Please call by noon on Wednesday, April 17, to make your reservation in order to help organizers plan seating, which is limited to 54 people; and to apprise them of the number of lunches to order. Lunch is \$12, payable at the door, and will be catered by Almost Home Catering, Michelle Nichols, chef.

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St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws snare Division 8-4A title with 12-2 run-rule win over Moss Point

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
STAFF WRITER

After a couple of days of rain last week, the skies have cleared and this past week was gorgeous on the diamond. An area team claimed the baseball division title and #1-seed.

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws claimed the Division 8-4A title with a run-rule victory over Moss Point on Tuesday. They will enter the playoffs next week as the #1-seed. It appears that East Central, Vancleave and Pass Christian round out the group from 4A.

The diamond season appears to have ended for Bay High, Hancock, the Lady Hawks, Lady Pirates and the Crescents after this weekend.

The high school baseball and softball playoffs begin earnest this coming week with SSC hosting a first round game and Pass Christian on the road. The Lady Tigers may very well jump into the final spot in the softball postseason. Stay tuned...

Baseball

The St. Stanislaus

Rock-a-chaws (18-5, 9-1) claimed the Division 8-4A title with a 12-2 victory over Moss Point at home on Wednesday evening.

The title is the sixth one for SSC since 2010.

The Rocks wasted little time lighting the scoreboard as they played three runs in the bottom half of the first inning.

SSC added two more runs in the third inning to push the score to 5-0.

In the fourth inning, the Rocks added four more runs to their total making the score 9-0.

Moss Point was able to scratch two runs across to cut the lead to 9-2 in the top of the fifth inning.

In the bottom half of the frame, the set up the run-rule victory with a walk by Ethan McNeil and Taylor Lafontaine. Trace Rhodes smacked a two-run single to left field that scored by McNeil and Lafontaine.

Colin Fredrickson and Braxton Bean both walked to juice the bases. Dawson Strong then converted a walkoff hit by pitch for the win.

SSC head coach Mark Logan commented, "Moss Point is a better team than they have been in years

past. They play extremely hard and do not make things easy. We were fortunate that we had a couple of innings where we were able to string some hits together and get runs across the plate. A few times we put ourselves in a jam and Colin Fredrickson pitched his way out of it. It was good for him to get the work in because we will need him to throw some if we are able to continue to win down the road in the playoffs."

Rhodes led the Rocks with a triple and a single with two RBIs. McNeil and Strong had a double while Bush and Lafontaine each added a single. Bean drove in two runs on a sacrifice.

On Tuesday evening the Rocks topped Moss Point 6-2. Strong got the win throwing five innings and allowing three hits and fanning eight batters. Rhodes, Bean, Strong, and Corban O'Bannon all had two hits while McNeil, Sandroek and Bush each had a hit. Fredrickson smacked a two-run homerun.

Also on Tuesday, Vancleave stopped Bay High (5-13, 2-7) 6-2 with a three-hitter. Garrett Langrell had two of the hits

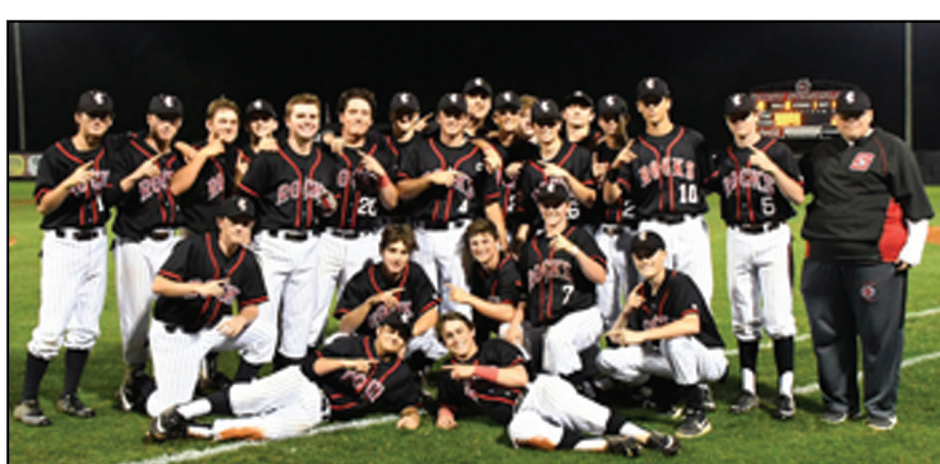


Photo by Richard Gleber

The Saint Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws gather together after their 12-2 victory over Moss Point on Wednesday evening. The victory gave SSC the Division 8-4A championship and a #1-seed heading into the Class 4A state playoffs next week.

while Cooper Cooksey had the other hit.

Pass Christian (6-15, 4-5) fell to East Central 7-2.

Dustin Allison had a hit and RBI while Bryce Dubuisson had a hit. Mason Knapp had two hits with a triple. Trentin Niolet and Corben Williams both added singles.

Hancock (7-14, 0-9) stumbled against Gulfport 8-1. Colton Cuevas had two hits while Tanner Lemon, Colby Oliver and Davis Shannon all added hits.

In upcoming action,

Bay High hosts Hancock today while Pass Christian hosts Resurrection. SSC travels to Harrison Central before hosting Ocean Springs on Monday. See you at the games!

Softball

The Lady Tigers (9-12, 3-4) fell to East Central on Tuesday 12-0. Lizzie Weems had two hits while Blake Lumpkin added one.

The Pass Christian Lady Pirates (0-14, 0-5) remained winless on the season with a 14-0 loss to East Central earlier this

week. The Lady Hornets pitched a no-hitter while the Lady Pirates also committed six errors in the loss.

The Lady Hawks of Hancock (2-11, 1-4) beat Biloxi 12-1 but game details were not available.

In upcoming action, Hancock travels to Poplarville today while Pass Christian goes to Biloxi. On Monday, Bay travels to Hancock. Also on Monday, OLA host Sacred Heart. See you at the games!

Pass sweeps Division 8-4A team titles, SSC & OLA take runner-up

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
STAFF WRITER

Pass Christian High School hosted the Division 8-2A and 4A championship meets on Thursday evening.

The Pirates swept both the boys and girls team titles in Class 4A while St. Stanislaus took runner-up in 4A and OLA was runner-up in 2A.

On the boys side in Class 4A, the Pirates racked up 138.5 points to 125.5 for SSC. Bay High finished with 15 points.

The top four finishers in each event advanced to regional competition next week.

The Pirates were led by regional qualifiers including Huu Nguyen who won both the 100m (11.4) and 200m (23.21) races. Terre Johnson also qualified in the 100m with a third place finish (11.60).

Mike Seignious was a triple-qualifier in the 800m (3rd, 2:12.09), 1600m (3rd, 5:01.89), and 3200m (3rd, 11:11.52). Sean Necaie also placed fourth in the 800m (2:12.56).

Xavian Page took second in the 110m hurdles (16.20) while Andrew Moffett won the 300m hurdles (42.37) and the triple jump (43' 2 1/2").

The Pirates won the 4x100m relay (44.85), took second in the 4x200m relay (1:34.10), third in the 4x800m relay (9:15.80) and fourth in the 4x400m (3:50.85).

Montrell McGowan was runner-up in the high jump (6') and Will McGuire took fourth in the pole vault (11').

Damonta May was second in the triple jump (42')

and Gordon Ward was fourth in the discus (103' 1").

The Rocks were paced by Brandon Birdelon who was a triple-qualifier winning the 110m hurdles (15.30), taking second in the 300m hurdles (42.59), and second in the long jump (20'4").

Ja'Kobe Cameron won the 400m run (52.79) while William Weber won the pole vault (13') and placed third in the 400m (53.77).

Alex Koons took second in the 800m (2:11.12) and Landry Lemoine was fourth in the 1600m (5:05.63).

The Rocks won the 4x200m relay (1:33.38), the 4x400m relay (3:42.45) and took second in the 4x800m relay (9:06.50).

Taylor Necaie was second in the pole vault (12') while Thomas Carter was

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SATURDAY

- BASEBALL: HANCOCK AT BAY, 1 P.M.
- BASEBALL: RESURRECTION AT PASS CHRISTIAN (DH), 11 A.M. & 1 P.M.
- BASEBALL: SSC AT HARRISON CENTRAL, 1 P.M.
- SOFTBALL: PASS CHRISTIAN AT BILOXI (DH), 1 & 3 P.M.
- SOFTBALL: HANCOCK AT POPLARVILLE (DH), TBD
- TRACK & FIELD: DIVISION 8-6A TRACK MEET (HHS), TBD
- LACROSSE: JESUIT AT SSC, TBD

MONDAY

- BASEBALL: OCEAN SPRINGS AT SSC, 7 P.M.
- SOFTBALL: BAY AT HANCOCK, 6:30 P.M.
- SOFTBALL: SACRED HEART AT OLA, 6:30 P.M.
- GOLF: PASS CHRISTIAN BOYS AT SUNKIST (9 HOLES), 3 P.M.

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third (11').

Jack Wikoff won the discus (112'9") and Ryan Tyler was third (109').

Seth Cook placed fourth in the shotput (40'1").

The Tigers were paced by Denim Lombard who took fourth in the 200m (23.51), the 4x100m relay team that placed fourth (45.21) and the 4x200m relay team that also placed fourth (1:36.66).

The Lady Pirates amassed 225 points en route to the title while Bay High ended with 39.

The Lady Pirates were led by Kamdyn Skinner who won the 300m hurdles (51.14), high jump (5') and the triple jump (32').

Jalyn Anderson placed second in the 100m (12.88) and Aniyah Price was fourth (13.22).

Miranda Laurent took fourth in the 200m (28.23) while Madelyn Greene was second in the 400m (1:04.79) and third in triple jump (31'4").

Kealey Skinner won the 800m (2:39.48) while Hannah Rutledge placed second (2:49.39) and Emily Dedeaux was third (2:49.83).

Haley Clark took second in the 1600m (6:18.07) and 3200m (13:23.44).

Avery Saulter was third in the 1600m (6:26.13) and Abby Batten was fourth (6:31.05).

Julia Hanson placed

third in the 3200m (14:38.98).

Cayla Obilo won the 400m (1:03.49) and the long jump (14'11").

The Lady Pirates placed third in the 4x100m relay (53.54), first in the 4x400m (4:34.93) and first in the 4x800m (11:31.24).

Dena Howard placed fourth in the high jump (4'10") while Shermaine Preston took fourth in the long jump (14' 4 1/2").

Mina Tran won the pole vault (8') followed by Ellie Diaz in second (5'6") and Katherine Newman was third (5').

Camille Newman won the shotput (30' 3 1/2") while Aniyah Rials placed fourth (24' 4").

Jeasonna Alexander won the discus (92' 6 1/2") and Leigha West was fourth (61'6").

The Lady Tigers were paced by Gabby Posey who placed third in the 300m hurdles (54.09) and the 4x100m relay that placed second (53.05).

The 4x200m relay team took second (1:53.75) while the 4x400m relay team was third (4:52.00).

Jalaya Lewis was second in the discus (70'6").

In the girls 2A division, OLA took second with 77 points just two points behind the winner St. Patrick.

OLA was led by Olivia Gelpi who won the 300m hurdles (51.32), placed second in the 100m hurdles (18.06) and won the triple jump (31' 10").

Aennie Bridges won the 100m (13.17) while

Isabelle Gelpi took third in the 100m (13.59).

Sara Hollingsworth won the 400m (1:03.86) followed by Katie Logan in second (1:04.81).

Rylie Moore was second in the 800m (2:47.19) and Addison Capo was fourth in the 1600m (6:50.36).

Mallory Capo was fourth in the 3200m (17:30.70).

Taylor Slade took third in the 300m hurdles (55.40) and was fourth in the 110m hurdles (19.46).

OLA was second in the 4x100m relay (58.10), second in the 4x200m relay (1:55.16), second in the 4x400m relay (4:35.52) and won the 4x800m relay (12:29.00).

Logan took second in the high jump (4'8") and Camille Cottone was third (4'6").

Grace Bradford won the pole vault (8'6") and Hutton Scharp was third (8').

Claire Whitney won the shotput (25' 1 1/2") followed by Aly Theobald in second (24'7") and Margerite Gelpi was third (24').

Margerite Gelpi won the discus (78' 8") while Whitney was third (65' 5") and Cali Reinhart was fourth (65' 3").

McKenzie Wallace placed fourth in triple jump (25' 4").

The Class 2A and 4A regional meet will be held at Pass Christian on Thursday, April 18th.



The Pass Christian track and field team gathered together after the Division 8-4A meet on Thursday evening to celebrate their sweep of the team titles.

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Art in the Pass 2019



Thousands of people crowded into Pass Christian's Memorial Park last weekend for the annual Art in the Pass and Celebrate the Gulf Marine Education Festival. More than 100 artists from 16 states displayed a variety of media—including painting, sculpture, photography, printmaking and pottery. Celebrate the Gulf included a junior fishing rodeo, rides on the majestic Biloxi schooners, and more than 25 exhibits related to the wise use, preservation or conservation of our valuable aquatic and coastal resources. ECHO STAFF PHOTOS BY GEOFF BELCHER



Our Lady Academy Art students awarded medals at the Art in the Pass Show

SEA COAST ECHO

Our Lady Academy art students won 3 awards and a scholarship on April 7th at the 22nd Art in the Pass Student Show.

OLA had 6 students submit work for the Art in the Pass Student Show.

Lillie Lawhead, a junior, won the silver medal in the mixed media category. Kaylee Hardenstein, a sophomore, won a bronze medal in the painting category.

Taylor Wypyski, a freshman, tied for the bronze medal in the sculpture and ceramics category. Senior, Isabelle Gelpi,

submitted her work and application for the Senior Scholarship Program. She was awarded the Dusti Bonge Art Foundation Scholarship to be applied to her pursuit of art in college. Dusti Bonge was an Abstract Expressionist painter who lived in Biloxi and worked from the 1930s

through the early 1990s. She is considered Mississippi's first Modernist artist. Isabelle plans to attend the College of Charleston and pursue a minor in painting.

OLA art teacher, Karli Corr, received a grant for the art department for participation in the student show.



Photo courtesy of OLA
Taylor Wypyski medaled in sculpture and ceramics and OLA Art Teacher, Karli Corr.



Photo courtesy of OLA
Kaylee Hardenstein medaled in painting category.



Photo courtesy of OLA
Isabelle Gelpi received the Dusti Bonge Art Scholarship.



Photo courtesy of OLA
Lillie Lawhead medaled in mixed media category.

Bay High School's Bosarge earns Seal Innovative Teacher Grant

SEA COAST ECHO

Hancock Whitney and the Gulf Coast Community Foundation (GCCF) on Friday tapped 12 of South Mississippi's most outstanding educators as winners of the 2019 Leo W. Seal Innovative Teacher Grants.

The awards luncheon celebrates educational excellence and innovative learning ideas earning each award recipient up to \$2,000 for co-curricular teaching projects which

complement classroom lessons, reinforce state curriculum requirements, and help students enhance critical thinking and creative skills.

Recipients of the 2019 Seal grants are Janice Barnes, Twenty-Eighth Street Elementary School, Gulfport; Elisabeth Lagarde Bosarge, Bay High School, Bay St. Louis; Nicole Etheridge, Singing River Academy, Gautier; Chelsea Fortenberry, Popp's Ferry Elementary School, Biloxi; Megan Gill, North

Woolmarket Elementary and Middle School, Biloxi; Wendy Lizana, Bayou View Elementary School, Gulfport; Cecil Murphy, St. Martin Middle School, Ocean Springs; Scott Pfaff, Gulfport High School; Bethany Seal, West Harrison High School, Gulfport; Lauren Sexton, Ocean Springs Upper Elementary School; and Georgia Ricard and Angela Sievers, Martin Bluff Elementary School, Gautier.

Hancock Whitney first funded the Seal grant pro-

gram as a permanent endowment of the GCCF Pat Santucci Friends of Public Education program. Since 1996 the awards have paid tribute to the community commitment and leadership of Leo W. Seal, Sr., the bank's president from 1932 until his death in 1963, and his son, the late Leo W. Seal, Jr., the bank's chief executive for 45 years.

Throughout their lives, both men championed countless economic and educational opportunities across the Gulf Coast.

Exhibit showcases famous architect's unbuilt work

MS. SUSAN M. COLLINS-SMITH
MSU EXTENSION SERVICE

The public can gain greater appreciation for one of Mississippi's cultural treasures during a unique exhibition.

The Unbuilt Arboretum exhibit celebrates the work of internationally renowned architect E. Fay Jones, who designed the Pinecote Pavilion that stands on the grounds of the Mississippi State University Crosby Arboretum. The pavilion is one of Jones' most recognized structures, but Jones also designed four accompanying structures to support the day-to-day operation of the arboretum that were never built.

"I've spent nearly 10 years as a faculty member and landscape architecture student working with and at the Crosby Arboretum," said Hans Herrmann, associate professor of architecture at MSU and exhibit designer, creator and organizer. "I've always been interested in Jones' work, and when I saw his set of schematic drawings for the other buildings, I was astonished. I decided then that the designs had to be shared with a larger audience."

With the help of 10 undergraduate research assistants, Herrmann set out to build a digital archive of the drawings and the exhibit. Displayed in the Giles Hall School of Architecture until April 16, the

exhibit features physical and virtual-reality renderings of the unbuilt structures, along with Jones' original drawings.

Among the unbuilt structures are the restoration center, the visitors center, the administrative building, and the Switzer Pavilion. The exhibition also features detailed models and drawings of numerous built features such as entry gates, lanterns, informational kiosks and the Pinecote Pavilion.

Jones, a native of Arkansas, won one of three esteemed American Institute of Architects Design Honor Awards for the Pinecote Pavilion. He is recognized as one of the most important American architects of the 20th century.

"I wanted to help shed light on this untold story of design and planning at the arboretum," Herrmann said. "What better way than a public exhibit to show people this exceptionally special work of design while also bringing awareness and appreciation to the cultural treasure that is the Pinecote Pavilion."

The exhibit is supported and funded by the Criss Trust Award, the MSU School of Architecture, and the MSU Office of Research and Economic Development Undergraduate Research Support Program.

For more information, visit <http://caad.msstate.edu/wpmu/unbuiltarboretum/>.

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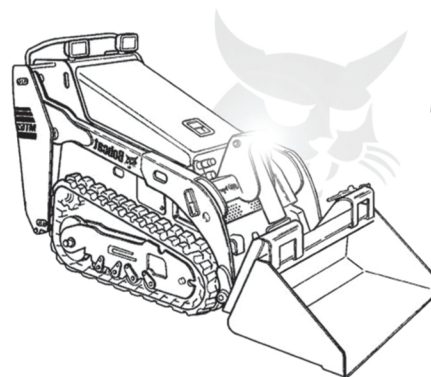
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Delicious Duet of Spring Vegetables

BY LINDA BIGLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

When I lived in North Dakota, I anxiously looked forward to spring because that was a sign that we would only have two or three months of snow to endure. Now that I am living in the South, where thankfully snow is a rarity, I look forward to cooking with Vidalia onions and fresh asparagus which are two of my favorite spring vegetables. Vidalia onions are sweeter than many other varieties of onions and compliment many dishes. The first few recipes might make your eyes water a bit, but they are well worth the tears.

VIDALIA ONION DIP
5 Vidalia onions, peeled and thinly sliced
One half cup white wine vinegar
2 cups water
1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon Tabasco sauce
One half cup mayonnaise
One half teaspoon salt
Combine vinegar, water, and sugar in a large bowl; add the sliced onions and toss. Cover and refrigerate

for 4 to 6 hours. When ready to serve, combine the Tabasco, mayonnaise, and salt. Drain the onions well, place into a serving bowl and fold in the mayonnaise mixture. Serve with crackers.

The next dish is a Southern version of the classic quiche. It is an excellent addition to a brunch menu or is equally delicious served for dinner with a salad. In addition, it contains bacon. Please do not use pre-shredded cheese.

VIDALIA ONION PIE
8 slices bacon
1 large Vidalia onion, peeled and thinly sliced
3 tablespoons flour
3 eggs, beaten
1 cup whole milk
One half teaspoon salt
One half teaspoon cayenne pepper
8 ounces Swiss cheese, grated
4 ounces Parmesan cheese, freshly grated
1 unbaked 9-inch deep-dish pie shell
Place bacon on a rimmed baking sheet and cook in a 400 degree oven for about 15 minutes or until crisp. Baking time will vary depending on the thickness of the bacon.

Remove bacon from the oven and drain on paper towels. Reduce the oven temperature to 350 degrees. Save all but two tablespoons of the bacon drippings for another occasion. Over medium heat sauté the sliced onion in two tablespoons of the bacon drippings until soft. Crumble the bacon and stir into the sautéed onion. Sprinkle the flour over the mixture and stir until onions are coated. Remove pan from heat and set aside. In a medium bowl, beat the eggs and stir in the milk, salt, and cayenne. Evenly sprinkle the grated cheeses on the pie shell, top with the bacon onion mixture. Pour the combined egg and milk over the top. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for one hour or until the pie is almost set in the center and is golden brown.

Serves 6 to 8
VIDALIA ONION CASSEROLE
3 large Vidalia onions, sliced into thin rings
4 tablespoons butter
1 cup seasoned bread crumbs
4 ounces Swiss cheese, grated
2 ounces freshly grated

Parmesan Cheese
Sauce:
2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons flour
One third cup dry sherry
1 cup chicken broth
Pre heat the oven to 350 degrees. Over medium heat, sauté onions in the butter until translucent. Remove from skillet and place in a buttered two-quart casserole dish. Prepare the sauce in a saucepan over medium heat; melt butter and stir in the flour. Stir for about five minutes, do not allow the flour to brown. Slowly whisk in the sherry and chicken broth. Cook and stir until thickened. Pour the sauce over the onions. Top with Swiss cheese and bread crumbs. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake for 30 minutes.

Serves 4 to 6
Spring is the time when those tender, crisp asparagus begin showing their beautiful heads. When preparing these asparagus dishes, please be sure to use only fresh asparagus. The frozen ones and those in the can are poor imitations. Many recipes instruct you to boil the asparagus, but they are so much better roasted or stir-

fried.
ROASTED ASPARAGUS
One and one half-pound fresh asparagus
One half teaspoon kosher or sea salt
One fourth teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
1 ounce thinly shaved Parmesan cheese
Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Wash, drain, and snap off the woody ends of the asparagus. Arrange the asparagus in a single layer in a shallow baking dish or rimmed cookie sheet. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Pour the olive oil over the asparagus and toss to coat. Roast uncovered for 10 minutes. Remove from oven, top with shaved Parmesan cheese, and serve immediately.

Serves 4 to 6
The final recipe has an Asian twist and is quick and easy to prepare.
ASPARAGUS WITH SESAME SEEDS
One and one half-pound fresh asparagus
3 tablespoons peanut oil
2 cloves garlic, crushed
3 tablespoons soy sauce
3 tablespoons pale dry

sherry or white wine
One half teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons toasted sesame seeds
Wash the asparagus, trim and discard the tough ends. Diagonally slice the asparagus into 2-inch pieces. Heat the oil in a wok or skillet over medium high heat; stir in garlic and cook for 15 seconds. Add the asparagus and stir-fry for about 4 minutes. Add wine, soy sauce, and salt; toss until asparagus are coated. Place asparagus into a heated serving dish sprinkle with sesame seeds and serve.

Serves 4 to 6
Be sure to take advantage of the fresh produce available at your local farmers' market. Check for times and locations because fresh from the farm ingredients are a treat.



Adopting a Shelter Dog

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I read that stray dogs from foreign countries are being put up for adoption here and bringing new diseases with them. My family wants to adopt a dog, but now we're uncertain about doing so. How can we make sure we're getting a healthy dog? — *Julie in Alexandria, Louisiana*

DEAR JULIE: You should certainly do some research before taking that super-cute puppy home from a shelter. Rescue shelters have gone through some dramatic changes in the past decade, and perhaps the most notable change is that dogs eligible for adoption are often shipped from a shelter in one region of the country to another region. Dogs from overseas also are being acquired by some shelters as demand for rescue dogs — particularly the “adorable” one or popular breeds — outstrips supply. There is little federal regulation — the USDA doesn't track how many dogs are imported from other countries, for example — and states are only just beginning to tighten rules to ensure the health of dogs shipped across state lines. There are reports of newly adopted dogs developing severe illnesses, including a new strain of canine distemper virus — a highly contagious disease that closely resembles rabies. **Here are some important questions you should ask:**
— Where did the dog come from? Was it surrendered locally, sent from another state or unknown?
— Ask for copies of health records. Has the dog been given vaccinations yet?
— If the dog comes from another state or country, was it quarantined after arriving (at least 48 hours in some states)?
Take the dog you adopt to a veterinarian as soon as possible for a health check and to get any needed vaccines. *Send your questions, tips or comments to ask@pawscorner.com.*
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The Community CALENDAR



APRIL 13

• Powerhouse of Deliverance Ministries will be hosting a one-day only food drive for Hancock County residents only. Must show proof of residency. Powerhouse of Deliverance is located at 1978 Washington St. in Bay St. Louis. The drive will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• The Dedeaux community in Kiln will host its annual seven-mile-wide sale on Rocky Hill -Dedeaux Road now through Sunday, April 14. Sale begins at 8 a.m. each day. Anyone can participate. Call 228-493-7414 for more information.

APRIL 14

• Bourgeois Stieffel Ray American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 77 will host an Easter Egg Hunt at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 14, at the American Legion field located at the back of the Post 77 Hall at 503 Waveland Ave. All children up to age 10 are welcome to attend.

APRIL 16

• WW — formerly known as Weight Watchers — will meet Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at the Hancock County Resource Center, located at 454 Hwy. 90, Waveland, led by Wellness Coach Anne Hale and team. Weigh-in (wellness check-in) at 5:30 p.m. Invite a friend.

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APRIL 27

• Everyone is invited to enjoy "Breakfast in the Garden" at the Bay St. Louis Community Garden from 9-10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 27. The garden is located at the corner of St. Francis and Bookter St. Please bring something to share. Flatware, cups, coffee, and juice will be provided by the Hancock County Master Gardeners. For more information, please call Albert Ghergich at 504-336-8632.

APRIL 30

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MAY 4

• The Relay for Life event will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. at the Hollywood Casino. Learn more at www.relay-forlife.org/hancockms.

forlife.org/hancockms.

• Through the generosity of Rosetti's Liquor Barrel in Bay St Louis, we are excited to announce another exciting event benefiting Starfish Café and their experiential education program. Bourbon on the Bay will be held 6pm-9pm on May 4th, 2019 at the Longfellow Civic Center in Bay St Louis. Bourbon on the Bay will showcase sampling of select bourbons as well as appetizers and delicacies from talented local chefs. We would like to invite you to become a sponsor for this meaningful and exciting event. Your sponsorship will be matched dollar for dollar and have even more of an impact on those who are working to help themselves. With a program cost of \$4,000 per student, your sponsorship dollars will be used to help cover the cost of the program and provide life-changing opportunities that are priceless to both the students and their families. Individual Tickets are \$60 per person. There are also other Sponsorship levels available. Tickets can be purchased at Starfish Café or on-line at starfishcafe-fundraising.simpletix.com. Coastal Casual Attire. Must be 21 years old to attend.

MAY 21

• The Relay for Life Golf Tournament will be held at the Bridges Golf Club at

Hollywood Casino, located at 711 Hollywood Blvd., Bay St. Louis. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$300 per team. Additional sponsorship levels and donation opportunities available. Includes 18 holes including cart; amazing prizes; boxed lunch; catered award ceremony; and silent auction. Shotgun start at 11 a.m. To register call Cassie Williams at 228-466-8045; through email at cassie.williams@pngaming.com; and through mail at Hollywood Casino Attention: Cassie Williams, 711 Hollywood Blvd., Bay St. Louis, MS, 39520. All proceeds from this event will be donated directly to Relay for Life.

MAY 24

• The St. Clare Seafood Festival will take place on May 24 - 26, 2019 (Memorial Day Weekend). The address is 236 S. Beach Blvd., Waveland. You can call 228-467-9275 with questions. We will have Art and Craft Vendors, food, amusement park rides, raffle, live bands and a classic car show.

MAY 26

• There will be a 50-year reunion of Francis T. Nicholls Senior High School on Sunday, May 26, 2-6 p.m. at the Magnolia Plantation, 818 Elmwood Park blvd., Harahan, La. 70123. \$60 per person in advance, \$70 per person at the door. Music, unlimited buffet, liquor, wine and beer. For information, call Wanda Minor at 504-231-4575; Debbie Landry Mora at 504-738-6460; Susan Pons Bourquard, 504-442-0881;

or Betty Stoll Wright at 504-835-6220.

JUNE 29

• St Rose de Lima Catholic Church is celebrating its 93rd Annual Festival on Saturday June 29, 2019. It will be held on the shady grounds of the Bay St Louis Historic L&N Train Depot at 1928 Depot Way, Bay St Louis, MS. Festival opens at 10 am and closes at 10 pm. There will be plenty of good food and entertainment. We'll enjoy lots of good music under the oaks. Band names are to be announced. We'll have a Silent Auction and various vendors selling their wares, face painting, sno balls, and more. Free Fulfilling Family Fun!! Be Sure and Come!

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Upcoming events at Hancock's libraries

The Pearlington Library will host the 1st Annual Bunny Hop
Pearlington Impact and Pearlington Library are excited to announce this fun and family-friendly spring event. Festivities will take place in the Library parking lot on Saturday, April 13 at 2:00 PM. So, hop down the Bunny Trail and collect all kinds of goodies! There will be decorated cars, face painting, food, and fun. For more information please contact us at (228)533-0755.

Sit, Stay, Read
Volunteers of Visiting Pet Teams of South MS will be at the East Hancock Library on Friday, Apr 26 from 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM. Children will have an opportunity to read a story to therapy dogs. For more information or to reserve your spot please contact us at (228)255-4800.
WAVELAND LIBRARY'S 4-H / ROBOTICS CLUB
The Waveland Public Library is calling for participants, ages 6-10, for its 4-

H / Robotics Club. Come and play with our DASH & DOT Robots! The first meeting will be on April 29 at 4:00 PM. For more information or to reserve your spot please contact us at (228)467-9240.

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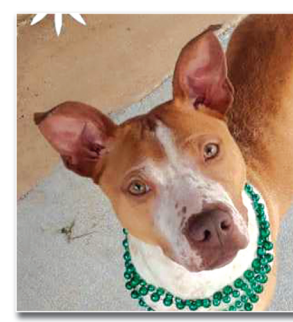
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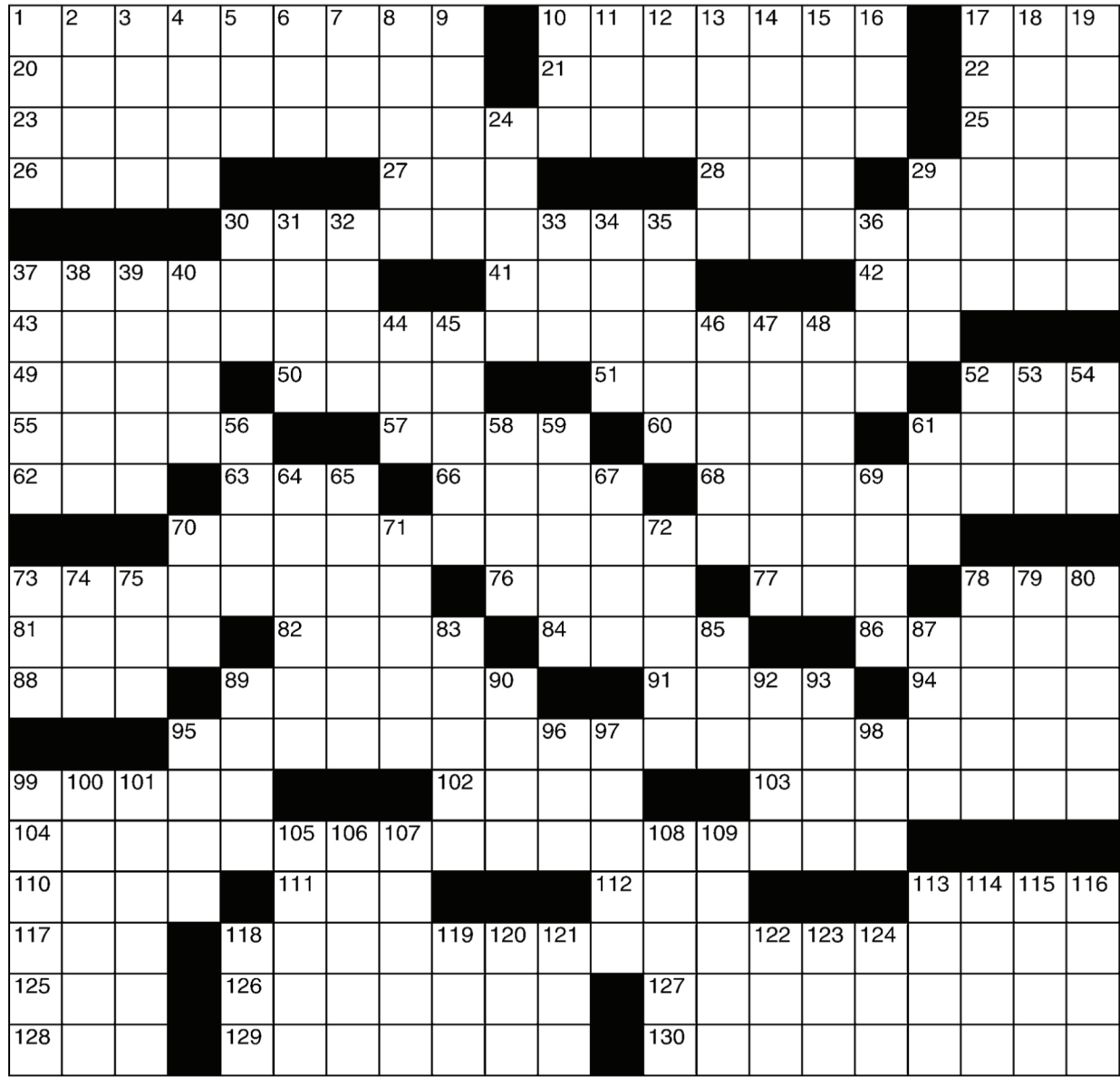


Xavia is a gorgeous, 2 year old American Pit Bull Terrier/Basenji mix, with the most perfect head tilt and curious personality. She is super alert and attentive, and loves both other dogs and people, including children. We adore her head to toe freckles! She would love to join an active family, whether it be an "on the go" couple, looking for an activity partner, or a single person wanting a BFF to share adventures. Xavia will be the ideal companion. She loves outdoor activities, so a family with middle school age kids or older would also be a great fit for this fun loving gal. She sits on command, and especially for treats! And seems to be very smart and eager to learn. We are not sure of Xavia's training, such as house or crate training, but she keeps her kennel clean. Come visit this beautiful, sweet girl at the Hancock County Animal Shelter, 7175 Texas Flat Rd, Kiln, to see if Xavia is the pal for you. Call 466 4516 for more information, and visit our Facebook page, Hancock County Animal Shelter, MS, to see more pictures of Xavia, and of the many other adoptable animals looking for their forever homes.

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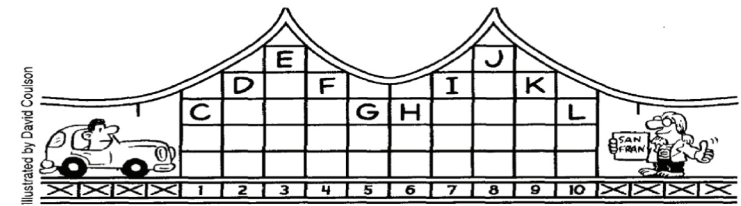
LITERATURE FIEND

- ACROSS**
1 Of Christian ritual immersion
10 Fish also called a "jack"
17 Ship for ETs
20 Work partner
21 Everlasting
22 Edge
23 Start of a riddle
25 Log cutter
26 Reply to "Shall we?"
27 Bruins legend Bobby
28 A dieter may try to lose it
29 Obstruction
30 Riddle, part 2
37 Decline to vote
41 Earsplitting
42 Alleviates
43 Riddle, part 3
49 Cat sound
50 Make fun of
51 Seemly
52 Zig's reverse
55 Archie's sitcom wife
57 Name on an elevator
60 Minor error
61 Bicycled, e.g.
- 62 Rock singer Snider
63 Epitome of easiness
66 3/15 or 4/13, day-wise
68 315 or 413, phone-wise
70 Riddle, part 4
73 Roget's references
76 "Taken" star Neeson
77 China's Lao- —
78 "Blue Bloods" airer
81 Cat sound
82 Tide type
84 Scissor cut
86 For only the case at hand
88 Rest house
89 Player getting a goal
91 Hourglass fill
94 Plus
95 Riddle, part 5
99 Part of Iberia
102 Crab part
103 Plush
104 End of the riddle
110 Go offstage
111 Geologic span
112 Lennon's lady
113 Cuisine with tom yum
- 117 Jar coverer
118 Riddle's answer
125 Flying geese formation
126 Stud farm owner, e.g.
127 Waterproof sheet
128 Suffix with govern
129 More lathery
130 Got testy with
- DOWN**
1 Cry out loud
2 Tennis champ
3 Exam taken by many jrs.
4 Little tykes
5 Here, to Hugo
6 Auntie, to Mom
7 Wrestlers' pad
8 Pal of Porthos and Aramis
9 Looks of lust
10 Architect I.M. —
11 See 12-Down
12 With 11-Down, New York Giants legend
13 Pasta sauce brand
14 Actress — Aimée
15 U.S.-Can.-Mex. treaty
16 Schnozz suffix
17 Planet with 27 moons
18 Focus one's gaze
19 Final Greek letters
24 Vocal quaver
29 Really rise
30 Slugger Ripken
31 Raise
32 From scratch
33 British runner Sebastian
34 Jostle
35 Scents
36 Heady brew
37 Really longed
38 Wedding party?
39 "Wake Up Little —" (1957 hit)
40 Trial balloon
44 "O Sole —" (Italian song)
45 High storage room
46 "Memento" director Christopher
47 Soul
48 Conical homes
52 Wildlife park
53 Stir in, e.g.
54 "You don't say!"
56 "Funny joke!"
58 Joss or tiki
59 Hauling trucks
61 Panasonic alternative
64 Like pogo sticks
65 Mailer's "via"
67 Arch across
69 Far off the shore
70 ENE's reverse
71 One-named singer with the 2005 hit "Oh"
72 Simple-living sect
73 "I didn't need that level of detail," in texts
74 Cackling bird
75 Geologic span
78 Sevigny of "Kids"
79 Officer over deckhands
80 Actor Wolf
83 Lake fish
85 Golf number
87 "The BFG" author Roald
89 Reasonable
90 Depend
92 Twelve p.m.
93 Bamboozle
95 Droop
96 British rule in old India
97 — more (greater than one)
98 Bloke
99 Postpone
100 Fairies
101 Stage actors' whispers
105 India's first prime minister
106 Gluttony, e.g.
107 Records on a cassette
108 Army outfits
109 Like Livy
113 "That's right"
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Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

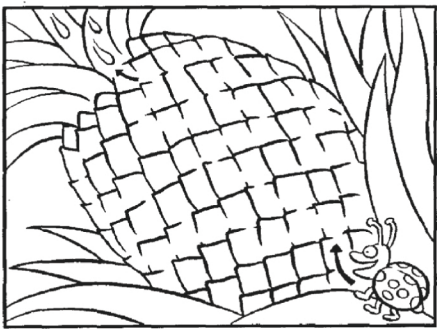


A WORD BRIDGE!

The bridge above contains 10 supporting words. We give you the first letter of each word plus plenty of hints.

1. An unprincipled man.
2. A pointed missile.
3. An artist would use one.
4. A western card game.
5. What a musician looks for.
6. An actor who overacts.
7. A stork-like wading bird.
8. A short space of time.
9. Found under a ship.
10. To throw something in a high arc.

Answers: 1. Cad, 2. Dart, 3. Easel, 4. Faro, 5. Gig, 6. Ham, 7. Ibis, 8. Jiffy, 9. Keel, 10. Lob.



A JUICY JOURNEY! Can you help this little bug find his way across the mazy surface of this sticky pineapple to the nectar oozing from the stem?



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One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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AJMX TQSSBGBJV IQJTL

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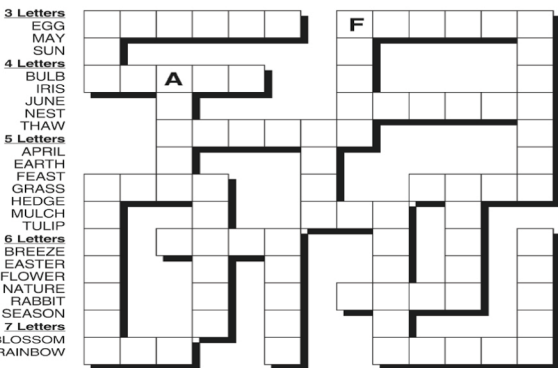
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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS — SPRINGTIME

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

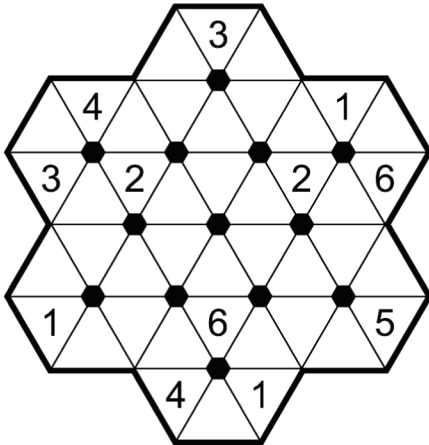


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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



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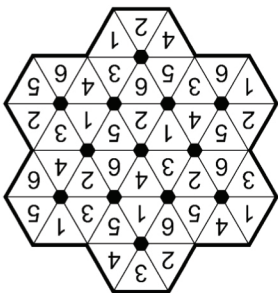
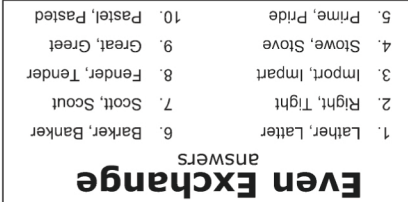
Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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|------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1. Shaving foam | — — — H — — | Last one mentioned | — — — T — — |
| 2. Correct | R — — — — | Taut | T — — — — |
| 3. Item from abroad | — — — O — — | Communicate | — — — A — — |
| 4. Harriet Beecher | — — — W — | Kitchen appliance | — — — V — |
| 5. Of first importance | — — — M — | Arrogance | — — — D — |
| 6. Carnival employee | — — R — — — | Financier | — — N — — — |
| 7. F. ——— Fitzgerald | — — — T — | Pathfinder | — — — U — |
| 8. Bumper | F — — — — | Caring and gentle | T — — — — |
| 9. ——— Dane | — — — A — | Hail | — — — E — |
| 10. Soft color | — — — — L | Applied glue | — — — — D |

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DEVOTIONAL PAGE

WHY DO WE TREAT OUR LOVED ONES WORSE THAN OTHERS?

BY GARY ANDREWS
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Something that I have noticed about many husbands, wives, brothers, sisters, or other family members is that when it comes to making decisions or wanting something done most of us tend to treat our loved ones and the ones closest too us worse than we do others.

When I retired I felt making major decisions concerning small or major problems would come to an end. When in the newspaper business the buck stopped at my desk and all of the employees relied on my decisions to be the correct ones. If I didn't have a ready answer then I was expected to find the right one by going to the right people. I wasn't use to people questioning my decision and they took my final answer as the truth.

Now that I am retired from the newspaper industry and continue working part-time from home alongside of my wife, I find myself in a different type of environment and new rules to abide by. Even though we have been married for over 40 years and I know her and love her more than anyone else on earth, I sometimes find myself asking or telling her what to do about certain situations and she questions me about my decisions. I guess I have the same type expectations of her as I did with the employees I worked with. Then, again on the other hand, she retired from teaching school after 21 years of working with special needs children. We had two totally different careers, different type managerial experience, yet similar in nature. We both worked with the public.

I find myself thinking that she should understand what I want and what I am talking about when we are working together and expect her to act accordingly. On the other hand, she does the same with me when she speaks to me, with the exception that sometimes she wants to talk down to me as she has so many years for children to understand her.

I wonder if this is typical in all families. I have witnessed on so many occasions a young husband belittling his wife for something she had no

idea of what to do and he had not taken the time to explain to her all the facts. It was his way and she should understand that his hollering and badgering her was just going to be a way of life. Then again I have seen other couples that wouldn't speak to each other for days because one of them expected their spouse to read their mind and do what they had no idea to do. It seems that the more we love someone the more we expect them to understand they need to do what we want before we tell them.

Billy Graham once wrote that there are three elements to a successful marriage: Love, maturity, and faith. Marriage must be Christ centered for the marriage and home to be successful. In today's mindset of the world, too many young people enter into a marriage without any of the three essential elements mentioned by Mr. Graham and expect to have a fruitful relationship and family.

In Galatians 5:22-23 we are told, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."

I love my wife with all of my heart and soul yet I find myself treating her on occasions worse than I would anyone else. Why is this? In no way would I ever do anything to hurt her yet sometimes I say things or give facial expressions that seem mean spirited. There are many people in this world today that don't have what we have and that is a Christ led marriage and family. Even though there are misunderstandings and difference of opinions, we know in the end we love each other and no one can take that away. Spouses and family members are easy targets for us to take out our frustrations. It shouldn't be this way!

Prayer: Thank you Lord for my wife and her love. You have blessed us so much and for this I give you all the praise and glory. Give me wisdom and strength to treat her as you would have me to do. Amen.

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PSALM 34:17-20
TUESDAY -
LUKE 10:27
WEDNESDAY -
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The Sea Coast Echo

PCES Cooperation Students of the Month



Congratulations to the following Pass Christian Elementary Students who were selected students of the month by their teachers for the character trait of “Cooperation”. Great job students for leading by example. Sharing and working together with others is such an important “real-life” skill, we are proud of you! PreK 4: Riley Holmes. Kindergarten: Marcus Bailey (not pictured), Aubrey Jenkins, Skylar Huffman. First Grade: Emerson Owens, Braylon Everett, Reign Johns. Second Grade: Mason Swanier, Dominic Burkhart, Kymiya Bass. Third Grade: Kaeli Cowart, Talisa Miskell, Nathan Tent. Fourth Grade: Rashi Reimoniq, Desyonia Smith (not pictured) Madison Jacobs, Rayna Haynes. Fifth Grade: Elise Gilberti, Addy Coutu, Dat Le, Estephany Garcia, Wyatt Frye.

Living shorelines are worth the effort

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Mississippi residents who live near the water often consider ways to protect shorelines from erosion. Construction of living shorelines is a popular technique, but it can be hard to find qualified contractors to build these structures.

The Mississippi State University Extension Service, the Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium and collaborators are working to build a robust contractor workforce that can respond to this demand and pro-

mote living shorelines.

Property owners find it much easier to locate a hardened shoreline contractor than a living shoreline contractor. With all the site planning and regulatory hoops, it's clear why.

“Living shorelines” is a term that describes techniques used to stabilize shorelines while also providing as many of nature's benefits as possible. Some of these benefits include improving water quality, absorbing flood waters, and providing habitat for commercially and recreationally important fish and shellfish.

Erosion control is often the top priority of living shoreline

projects. However, encouraging the “living” part of these shorelines is generally just about as important. In coastal Alabama and Mississippi, the conservation or restoration of wetlands or oyster reefs, and the benefits those ecosystems provide, is a positive result of these projects.

The alternative to living shorelines are hardened shorelines, such as bulkheads and seawalls. These structures are known to have negative environmental and economic consequences. However, they are much easier to plan and install than living shorelines.

In some areas and situations, a

hardened shoreline may be the only logical solution. However, Alabama and Mississippi are full of hardened shorelines that weren't installed out of necessity. These structures could easily be replaced with more environmentally friendly options, such as living shorelines.

As you can imagine, every shoreline and situation are different, so there isn't a template for living shoreline projects. Bank slope, sediment type, salinity at a specific site, the amount of wave energy and the state of neighboring shorelines are among the factors to consider when planning one of these projects.

Additionally, permitting for living shoreline construction is not as straightforward as it is for hardened shoreline construction.

Education and outreach efforts have led more and more property owners to inquire about living shorelines. Yet, even with this increased demand and the established importance of natural shorelines, hardened shorelines are still being installed at a much faster rate.

For more information about living shorelines or to attend future workshops, send an email to eric.sparks@msstate.edu or call 228-546-1025.



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Stennis Space Center employee Brock Saucier of Hancock County, Mississippi, was recognized April 3 by NASA's Space Flight Awareness Program with an Honoree Award for outstanding support of human spaceflight.

Saucier is electrical shop lead with Syncom Space Services at Stennis. He was honored for his ongoing support and extensive knowledge of multiple facilities and testing infrastructure.

Astronaut Scott Tingle, along with Bill Hill, NASA deputy associate administrator for exploration systems development; and Mary Byrd, director of the Stennis Center Operations Directorate, presented the Honoree Awards during a ceremony in New Orleans.

In recognition of his flight program contributions, Saucier toured NASA's Michoud Assembly Facility in New Orleans and Stennis Space Center near Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. He also had the opportunity to view a hot fire test of RS-25 flight engine No. 2062 on the A-1 Test Stand at Stennis. NASA is testing RS-25 engines at Stennis to help power its new Space Launch System rocket, being built to carry humans deeper into space than ever, to such destinations as the Moon and, ultimately, Mars.

Tingle was a member of the 20th astronaut class in 2009. He served as flight engineer on the Expedition 54/55 crew on the International Space Station from Dec. 17, 2017 through June 3, 2018. During the mission, hun-

dreds of experiments were conducted, including a study of the effect of microgravity on the bone marrow and research into plant growth in space. Tingle performed two spacewalks during the 168-day mission.

NASA's Space Flight Awareness Program recognizes outstanding job performances and contributions by civil service and contract employees throughout the year and focuses on excellence in quality and safety in support of human spaceflight. The Honoree Award is one of the highest honors presented to employees for their dedication to quality work and flight safety. Recipients must have contributed beyond their normal work requirements toward achieving a particular human spaceflight program goal; contributed to a



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NASA Stennis Space Center employee Brock Saucier (second from left) of Hancock County, Miss., receives the prestigious Space Flight Awareness (SFA) Silver Snoopy award from Bill Hill (l to r), NASA deputy associate administrator for exploration systems development; astronaut Scott Tingle; and Mary Byrd, director of the Stennis Center Operations Directorate.

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P.E.O. Scholarship Recipient



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P.E.O. Chapter T Diamondhead was pleased to award a \$500 Program for Continuing Education grant to Biloxi High School teacher Hayley Whitehead. Chapter T donated another \$500 from the chapter Local Charity Fund giving her a total of \$1000 to continue her pursuit of a Masters of Education with a concentration in History. P.E.O. is an international philanthropic organization that celebrates the advancement of women through scholarships, grants and loans and motivates women to achieve their highest aspirations. From left, Biloxi High School Assistant Principal Dustin L. Merit; Mary Craig Murray, Chapter T-PCE Chair, Hayley Whitehead, Biloxi High School teacher; Lou Stovall, Chapter T.

Bourbon on the Bay benefiting Starfish Cafe

SEA COAST ECHO

Through the generosity of Rosetti's Liquor Barrel in Bay St. Louis, we are excited to announce another exciting event benefiting Starfish Café and their experiential education program. Bourbon on the Bay will be held 6pm-9pm on May 4th, 2019 at the Longfellow Civic Center in Bay St. Louis. Bourbon on the Bay will showcase sampling of select bourbons as well as appetizers and delicacies from talented local chefs.

We would like to invite you to become a sponsor for this meaningful and exciting

event. Your sponsorship will be matched dollar for dollar and have even more of an impact on those who are working to help themselves. With a program cost of \$4,000 per student, your sponsorship dollars will be used to help cover the cost of the program and provide life-changing opportunities that are priceless to both the students and their families.

Individual Tickets are \$60 per person. There are also other Sponsorship levels available. Tickets can be purchased at Starfish Café or on-line at starfishcafe-fundraising.simpletix.com.

Coastal Casual Attire. Must be 21 years old to attend.

Attention Hancock County High School Students!

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This year the Hemingway Festival benefitting the Waveland Ground Zero Hurricane Museum will include a Literary Contest with prizes awarded on Saturday July 20, 2019.

Call for Writers and Literary Contest Rules:

- Create a 1,000-word fictional essay set in 1920's Paris.
- Jurist will judge essays based on content, correct time line structure, creativity and grammatical presentation.
- Group essays are not allowed.
- Essays are to be submitted in final draft on or before April 26, 2019 to

ernesth120@att.net

• The top 3 finalists will be required to read their essays on 7/20/2019 to determine the top awards for merit.

A sign off sheet will be provided to each essayist stating that their essay is original, has not been plagiarized in any form nor has any collaboration taken place with another person (living or dead). The essay becomes the property of Waveland's Ground Zero Hurricane Museum and Hemingway Festival. Please keep a copy of your essay.

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Prize winners will have a place of honor in the Festival Parade on Saturday July 20, 2019!

Explore Students Think, Collaborate, and Innovate at annual Brain Bowl



Photo courtesy of Pass Christian School District

5th grade Explore students from DeLisle Elementary and Pass Christian Elementary recently participated in the Pass Christian School District Gifted Program's annual Brain Bowl. Throughout the event, gifted education teachers Jane Bunn, Jillian Fisher, and Stacey Meyer took hands-on, minds-on learning up a notch with Sphero SPRK+ robots. These robots include programmable sensors, LED lights, accelerometers, and a gyroscope allowing for countless coding conditions while fostering a love of robotics, coding, and STREAM principles. Students worked in collaborative teams to create a mini golf course which they played by navigating a Sphero from the tee to the green. They also competed for the highest score in Sphero bowling by developing a strategy that helped Sphero make contact with and knock over as many pins as possible. In addition, students showcased their vast knowledge of cross-curricular subjects as they progressed through Quiz Bowl tournament brackets which culminated with a championship held in front of an audience comprised of peers and family members. Pictured: Quiz Bowl Champions Natalie Vo, Lauren Mong, Conner Cliett, and Aaron Pittman.

Local Resident Earns Degree from WGU

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The following local resident has earned a degree from Western Governors University (WGU). The online, nonprofit university held its 67th (Austin, Texas), 68th (Washington, DC), 69th (Indianapolis, Indiana), and 70th (Orlando, Florida) commencement ceremonies last fall and earlier this year to celebrate the recent graduation of nearly 22,000 students from across the country.

* Kacey Noller of Waveland (39576) has earned her Master of Education, Learning and Technology

WGU has recognized 12,920 undergraduate and 8,885 graduate degree recipients, who have completed their degrees since June 1, 2018. Their areas of study include business, K-12 education, information technology, and health

professions, including nursing. The average time to graduation for those earning a bachelor's degree was 2 years, 5 months, while the average time to degree for graduate programs was 1 year, 7 months. The average age for those who graduated is 38 years old.

WGU pioneered competency-based education, which measures learning rather than time spent in class. Designed to meet the needs of working adults, competency-based education enables students to study and learn on their own schedules with individualized, one-to-one faculty support. They complete courses as soon as they demonstrate that they have mastered the subject matter, allowing them to move quickly through material they already know so they can allocate time for what they still need to learn. As a result, many WGU students are

able to accelerate their studies, saving both time and - under WGU's flat-rate tuition model - money.

Established in 1997 by 19 U.S. governors with a mission to expand access to high-quality, affordable higher education, online, nonprofit WGU now serves more than 114,000 students nationwide and has more than 136,000 graduates in all 50 states. Driving innovation as the nation's leading competency-based university, WGU has been recognized by the White House, state leaders, employers, and students as a model that works in post-secondary education. In just 21 years, the university has become a leading influence in changing the lives of individuals and families, and preparing the workforce needed in today's rapidly evolving economy. WGU is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.